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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-13,15-25,27 and 28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4,14 and 26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-13,15-25,27 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-25, and 27-28 are pending.
2. Claims 4, 14, and 26 have been cancelled.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 10/26/7007 have been fully considered but **they are not persuasive.**

Applicant did not reference to particular citations to show why or what exactly is being traversed in accordance to particular limitations. Applicant merely summarizes some parts of the reference and then stating that Moles and Hertz (based on summary) fail to suggest the claimed invention. This is insufficient for examiner to respond clearly against applicant's arguments since applicant did not point to citations versus the claimed limitations. Hence, the below is examiner's response to clarify to the best ability regarding the Moles and Hertz combination against applicant's arguments and claimed invention.

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Therefore, it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skills in the art to combine the teaching of Moles with Hertz to teach if a privacy preference associated with the requestor has not been specified, requesting a privacy preference in response to receiving the request because access control dictating profile access and reachability of the user may be controlled based upon the profile of the requestor such access control may be used to enable/restrict access (Hertz-col.15, lines 11-46 and col.16, lines 1-7).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-25, and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.

103(a) as being unpatentable over Moles, et al. (US 6,505,048) and further in view of Hertz, et al. (US 6,571,279).

As per claim 1:

Moles disclose a method comprising:

receiving a request from a requestor for a location property associated with a location of a computer system; and **(col.2, lines 10-15 and col.6, lines 21-25)**

determining whether a privacy preference associated with the requestor has been specified; and **(col.2, lines 31-40 and col.2, line 60 – col.3, line 2; *privacy flag*)**

if a privacy preference associated with the requestor has not been specified, requesting a privacy preference associated with the requestor from the user in response to receiving the request. **(col.6, line 60 – col.7, line 5 and col.8, lines 37-64)**

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Therefore, it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skills in the art to combine the teaching of Moles with Hertz to teach if a privacy preference associated with the requestor has not been specified, requesting a privacy preference in response to receiving the request because access control dictating profile access and reachability of the user may be controlled based

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upon the profile of the requestor such access control may be used to enable/restrict access (Hertz-col.15, lines 11-46 and col.16, lines 1-7).

As per claim 2: See Moles on col.2, lines 36-39 and col.2, line 66 – col.3, line 2; discussing if a privacy preference associated with the requestor has been specified, applying the specified preference to determine whether to provide the location property to the requestor.

As per claim 3: See Moles on col.2, lines 24-26 and 61-63 and col.7, lines 14-18; discussing preventing the location property from being provided to the requestor if the privacy preference specifies that the location property is to be kept private, and providing the location property to the requestor if the privacy preference specifies that the location property is to be disclosed to the requestor.

As per claim 4: Cancelled.

As per claim 5: See Moles on col.6, lines 21-24 and Hertz on col.18, lines 52-55; discussing requesting includes providing a pop-up dialog box.

As per claim 6: See Moles on col.6, lines 57-65; discussing providing a pop-up dialog box includes enabling a user to selectively enable and disable privacy for individual location properties.

As per claim 7:

Moles disclose a method comprising:

enabling a user to selectively enable and disable location-aware computing; and **(col.2, lines 34-48)**

preventing a location property from being provided to a requestor if the user has disabled location-aware computing; and **(col.2, lines 24-26 and 61-63 and col.7, lines 14-18)**

if the user has enabled location-aware computing **(col.3, lines 30-34 and col.10, lines 38-56)**, determining whether a privacy preference associated with the requestor has been specified; and **(col.2, lines 31-40 and col.2, line 60 – col.3, line 2; *privacy flag*)**

if a privacy preference associated with the requestor has not been specified **(col.3, lines 40-44)**, requesting a privacy preference associated with the requestor from the user **(col.6, line 60 – col.7, line 5 and col.8, lines 37-64)** in response to receiving a request from the requestor for a location property associated with a computing system. **(col.2, lines 10-15 and col.6, lines 21-25)**

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As per claim 8: See Moles on col.6, lines 57-61 and col.9, lines 51-60; discusses enabling the user to selectively enable and disable location-aware computing includes providing an option during basic input/output system configuration to enable and disable location-aware computing.

As per claim 9: See Moles on col.2, lines 36-39 and col.2, line 66 – col.3, line 2; discusses setting a location privacy setting bit in response to the user selectively enabling or disabling location-aware computing.

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As per claim 10: See Moles on col.2, lines 65-67 and Hertz on col.10, lines 24-35; discusses setting the location privacy setting bit includes setting a bit in BIOS memory.

As per claim 11: See Moles on col.2, lines 10-41 and col.6, lines 57-61; discusses receiving a request for the location property from the requestor, and querying the location privacy setting bit to determine whether location-aware computing is enabled or disabled.

As per claim 12: See Moles on col.9, lines 50-60; discusses setting and querying are performed using Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI)-based techniques.

As per claim 13:

Moles disclose a machine-accessible medium storing instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:

in response to receiving a request from a requestor for a location property, determine whether a privacy preference associated with the requestor has been specified; and **(col.2, lines 10-40 and col.6, lines 21-25)**

if a privacy preference associated with the requestor has been specified **(col.3, lines 30-34 and col.10, lines 38-56)**, applying the privacy preference to determine whether to provide or withhold the location property; and **(col.2, lines 31-40 and col.2, line 60 – col.3, line 2; *privacy flag*)**

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As per claim 14: Cancelled.

As per claim 15: See Moles on col.6, lines 21-24 and Hertz on col.18, lines 52-55; discloses provide a pop-up dialog box to request the privacy preference.

As per claim 16: See Moles on col.2, line 66 – col.3, line 2; discloses determine whether the machine is enabled for location-aware computing.

As per claim 17: See Moles on col.7, lines 14-45 and Hertz on col.13, lines 24-46 and col.15, lines 3-45; discloses if the machine is not enabled for location-aware computing, preventing the machine from providing the requested location property regardless of whether the privacy preference has been specified and, if specified, regardless of the contents of the privacy preference.

As per claim 18:

Moles disclose a method comprising:

in response to receiving a request for a location property from a requestor, determining whether a computer system is enabled for location-aware computing; **(col.2, lines 10-40 and col.6, lines 21-25)**

if the computer is enabled for location-aware computing, determining whether a privacy preference associated with the requestor has been specified; **(col.3, lines 30-34 and col.2, line 60 – col.3, line 2; *privacy flag*)**

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As per claim 19: See Moles on col.6, lines 21-24 and Hertz on col.18, lines 52-55; discloses requesting the privacy preference comprises providing a pop-up dialog box.

As per claim 20: See Moles on col.2, lines 65-67 and Hertz on col.10, lines 24-35; discloses determining whether a computer system is enabled for location-aware computing comprises determining a value stored in a location privacy setting in basic input/output system (BIOS) memory.

As per claim 21: See Moles on col.6, lines 56-57; discloses enabling a user to enable and disable location-aware computing through a BIOS configuration routine.

As per claim 22: See Moles on col.9, lines 9-34 and 50-60; discloses using WMI/ACPI instrumentation techniques to set and determine the value stored in the location privacy setting.

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As per claim 23:

Moles disclose a system comprising:

a bus to communicate information; **(col.5, lines 21-22)**

a processor coupled to the bus; **(col.4, lines 51-57)**

a memory coupled to the bus to store information; **(col.2, lines 65-66)**

an antenna coupled to the bus to receive a signal to indicate a location of the system; and **(col.2, lines 5-15)**

a machine-accessible storage medium storing instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the system to:

in response to receiving a request for a location property associated with the system from a requestor **(col.2, lines 10-15 and col.6, lines 21-25)**, determine whether a privacy preference associated with the requestor has been specified; and **(col.2, lines 31-40 and col.2, line 64 – col.3, line 2; *privacy flag*)**

if a privacy preference has been specified **(col.3, lines 30-34)**, apply the privacy preference to determine whether to provide the requested location property; **(col.10, lines 38-56)**

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includes the ability of queries and tasks requirements in the form of request (col.15, lines 4-6). Access control criteria dictating profile access and reachability of the user and construction of conveniently navigable hierarchical menus (col.14, lines 15-17 and col.15, lines 12-25). Hertz also discloses data mining tools can be used to enable advertisers to identify relevant features and may enter rules that specify how users are to be targeted based on desired criteria (col.16, lines 1-7). Hertz suggests querying and database matching obviously suggests ability for determining if a privacy preference associated with the requestor has been specified or not and to enable or restrict the ability of an explicitly identified user (col.15, lines 16-20).

With Hertz suggesting querying with data mining tools and Moles capable of entering a response in response to a question whether location information is to be transmitted. Thus, suggests the ability to request a privacy preference associated with the requestor from the user in response to receiving the request if the privacy preference associated with the requestor has not been specified.

Therefore, it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skills in the art to combine the teaching of Moles with Hertz to teach if a privacy preference associated with the requestor has not been specified, requesting a privacy preference in response to receiving the request because access control dictating profile access and reachability of the user may be controlled based

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upon the profile of the requestor such access control may be used to enable/restrict access (Hertz-col.15, lines 11-46 and col.16, lines 1-7).

As per claim 24: See Moles on col.2, line 66 – col.3, line 2; discloses the machine-accessible storage medium further stores instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the system to determine whether the system is enabled for location-aware computing.

As per claim 25: See Moles on col.2, lines 65-67 and Hertz on col.10, lines 24-35; discloses the memory includes a basic input/output system (BIOS) memory and wherein determining whether the system is enabled for location-aware computing includes determining a value stored in a location in the BIOS memory.

As per claim 26: See Moles on col.7, lines 14-45 and Hertz on col.13, lines 24-46 and col.15, lines 3-45; discloses storing instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the system to request the privacy preference associated with the requestor if it is determined that the privacy preference associated with the requestor has not been specified.

As per claim 27: See Moles on col.6, lines 21-24 and Hertz on col.18, lines 52-55; discloses requesting the privacy preference includes providing a pop-up dialog box.

As per claim 28: See Moles on col.4, lines 45-65; discloses the requestor is one of a client application and a location-based service.

Conclusion

5. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

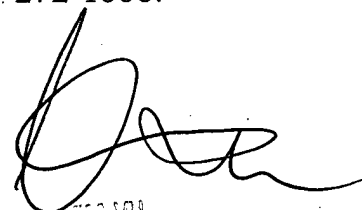
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEYNNA T. HA whose telephone number is (571) 272-3851. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday (7:00 - 5:00PM).

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